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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kazuya FUKUHARA et al.

Serial No.: 10/615,288

Filed: July 9, 2003

For: INSPECTION METHOD AND A
PHOTOMASK

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) Group Art Unit: 1756
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) Examiner: Young, Christopher G.
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) Confirmation No.: 8398
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement mailed April 12, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims: Group I, claims 1-10, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method; and Group II, claims 11-26, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a photomask.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-10, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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PLEASE STAMP TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

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